

# WELCOME

## *A Word from Pastor Shayne...*

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’

(Matthew 25:31-36, NRSVUE)

As I’m writing this in the waning days of July, the Math Science Innovation Center has been having its first event at Central; a Math & Science camp. Several of us have been helping to welcome them and help make sure they have what they need. Even though it may seem our role was small, Jesus said that the “sheep” in the sheep and goats parable welcomed strangers. It’s been a real pleasure to see how excited these kids are about learning and experiencing the joys of science. Who knows how this camp may impact some young person’s life. Maybe some will have a career in medicine or become a teacher. But that’s what the church should be about; welcoming our neighbors and helping to transform lives. This is a big first step to being a mission hub in Manchester. The above scripture makes me think of a well-known quote attributed to John Wesley: “Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can.” We as a church should follow Wesley’s advice. I believe it applies not just to individuals, but churches as well. That being said, I understand there are volunteer opportunities if you want to be involved with the Math/Science Center. Just call me or the church office. Please keep the Math/Science Center in your prayers.

Many Blessings,

*Pastor Shayne*

# Independence Day RECAP

What a fun time we had at our Indendence Day Event on July 2! We did something different this year and went to Alice Fitz Playground just up the block from us! We shared hotdogs and cool treats with our neighbors and even did a little dancing! It was great to meet a few of our neighbors and just hang out together. We were also excited to have our partners, the MathScience Innovation Center join us with math and bottle rocket demonstrations! A couple of our kids club kids really enjoyed playing with their bottle rockets, which were pretty cool. We look forward to exploringways to make this event even bettr next year. Thank you to everyone who helped with set up, clean up, and especially grilling those delicious hotdogs!



## A PRAYER FOR OUR STUDENTS

DEAR GOD,  
THANK YOU FOR THE GIFT OF  
EDUCATION IN EVERY FORM.  
AS OUR CHILDREN PREPARE TO START A NEW YEAR  
MAY CONFIDENCE BE THEIR FOUNDATION,  
MAY GRACE BE THEIR GUIDE AND  
MAY HOPE BE THEIR COMPASS TOWARD A BRIGHT FUTURE.  
I PRAY THEY WOULD HAVE EYES TO SEE  
THE NEEDS OF THOSE AROUND THEM  
AND A HEART TO LOVE WELL.  
MAY THEY FACE EACH DAY WITH POSITIVITY  
KNOWING THAT NO MATTER  
WHAT COMES THEIR WAY,  
THEY DO NOT HAVE TO FACE IT ALONE.  
AMEN

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As our kids club and youth prepare to return to school in a few weeks, please join us in prayer for them, as well as teachers, administrators, bus drivers, and support staff.

### Samaritan Fund.

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Samaritan Fund this year. Your faithfulness in giving is greatly appreciated. We collected \$315. To God be the Glory!



### August & September Birthdays

Ashley Stott  
8/2

Phyllis Putze  
8/4

Bill Pollok  
8/27

Billy Motley  
8/29

Bill Davis  
9/5

Mary Vaughn Francis  
9/25

*We're sending birthday hugs your way!*

### Food Pantry

Every 1st Sunday we collect non-perishable food items to support the local food pantry ministry of our neighbor Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Perry St. If you wish to send a monetary donation, you may send it to the church office.